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My dear Garrison

I have just learned through Oliver Johnson, with extreme regret, that your health is so doubtful as to make it improbable that you will be at our meeting on the 25th inst. Great as the disappointment will be to all, the chief regret will be to hear that your health is not restored as we had fondly hoped.

But now what shall we do? The interest of our meeting was dependent on the assurance of your presence.

Is it absolutely impossible for Wendell to be with us? Cannot the Fates be made to yield a little? They will hardly be inexorable under circumstances which make so strong an appeal.

Wendell is under promise to come to Chester County some

time. Now would of all
others be the accepted
time and now, too,
wd be the day of salvation.
The State ~~meeting~~ Election
will be won. The Presi-
dential election will be
in effect settled, and the
way will be open for
Wendell to sound the
key note for us, as he
did last fall in this
city just after the
John Brown affair.

at Kennett Square he will find himself in a new field and with a new audience.

I would not have him forget what is due to his sick wife. But Mrs Phillips is a good abolitionist; perhaps this will make it easy for Wendell to be absent from Boston, three or four days. Please see what you can do

Yours very truly

J. M. McKim